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Claims

Claims 1 to 5 (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A method of constructing a concrete column comprising the steps of:

selecting a length of a flexible tube form element formed from a joined woven fabric sheet, said tube form element having a protruding portion extending outwardly therefrom formed as a longitudinal tab;

securing the protruding portion of the tube form element to a first vertical support member;

bracing the first vertical support member, thereby supporting the flexible tube form element in an upstanding position; and

substantially filling the flexible tube form element with a flowable and settable foundation material.

7. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, in which the flexible tube form element is left in place on the concrete surface.

8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of selecting the length of the flexible tube form element comprises the step of cutting the length of the flexible tube form element from a larger length of flexible tube form element.

10. (currently amended) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of securing the protruding portion of the flexible tube form element to the first vertical support member further comprises the step of securing the protruding portion of the flexible tube form element to a second vertical support member.

11. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of bracing the first vertical support member further comprises the step of positioning the first vertical support member and therewith the flexible sheet form element in the upstanding position.

12. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step of bracing the first vertical support member further comprises of the step of bracing the second vertical support member.

13. (currently amended) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 10, wherein the steps of securing the protruding portion of the flexible tube form element to the first

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and the second vertical support members further includes the step of sandwiching the protruding portion between the first and second vertical support members.

14. (currently amended) A method of constructing a concrete column comprising the steps of: erecting a flexible tube form element formed from a joined woven fabric sheet, said flexible tube form element having at least one protruding portion extending outwardly from its perimeter; supporting the flexible tube form element at the protruding portion thereof; and filling the flexible tube form element with a concreting material.

15. (currently amended) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, wherein the step of supporting the flexible tube form element comprises the steps of: reinforcing the protruding portion with a first vertical support member; and bracing the first vertical support member.

16. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 15, wherein the first vertical support member is braced with a strut.

17. (currently amended) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, wherein the step of supporting the flexible tube form element comprises the steps of: driving a stake into the ground, said stake being adjacent the protruding portion of the flexible tube form element; and attaching the stake to the protruding portion.

18. (currently amended) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of supporting the flexible tube form element further comprises the steps of: reinforcing the protruding portion with a second vertical support member; and bracing the second vertical support member.

19. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 18, wherein the second vertical support member is braced with a strut.

20. (currently amended) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of reinforcing the protruding portion with the first vertical support member comprises the step of attaching the first vertical support member to the protruding portion of the flexible form element.

21. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, further comprising unrolling a roll of the flexible tube form element.

22. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, further comprising unfolding a folded length of the flexible tube form element.

23. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of substantially filling the flexible tube form element with the flowable and settable foundation material further comprises distending the flexible tube form element with the flowable and settable foundation material.

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24. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, further comprising unrolling a roll of the flexible tube form element.

25. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 14, further comprising unfolding a folded length of the flexible tube form element.

26. (previously presented) The method of constructing a concrete column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the step of filling the flexible tube form element with a concreting material further comprises distending the flexible tube form element with the concreting material.